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**SCAG, SANDAG LEADERS MEET TO COORDINATE
KEY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL ISSUES**

TEMECULA, CA -- Leaders representing Southern California's regional planning agencies met Thursday to coordinate efforts on a variety of regional issues. Elected officials and senior staff from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) – representing seven Southern California counties and 205 cities – discussed an assortment of issues, from meeting future housing needs to common interregional transportation investments and border issues.

“It is important that SCAG and SANDAG seek to collaborate on a number of issues given the inter-relationships of the transportation, land use and other planning issues facing both of our regions,” said Temecula Councilmember and SCAG President Ron Roberts. “I was very pleased with the exchange we had today, and we look forward to continued efforts to ensure that our respective efforts help provide for a broader vision of our collective future.”

Among the items raised at the regional convening included ongoing efforts to develop a regional airport system that can accommodate future passenger and cargo demands; the status of inter-regional partnerships along the I-15 and SR-91 corridors; and the efforts by each region to meet mandates under the state Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

“We have mandates to do long-range transportation planning, but with those requirements come opportunities to look at how land use and transportation planning relate to one another and how we can significantly improve our collective quality of life by planning for our future within this context,” said National City Councilmember and SANDAG Chair Ron Morrison.

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A number of elected leaders from the two agencies attended the meeting, including:

- ❖ Temecula City Councilmember and SCAG President Ron Roberts
- ❖ National City Councilmember and SANDAG Chairman Ron Morrison
- ❖ Port Hueneme Mayor and SCAG Second Vice President Toni Young
- ❖ Poway Mayor and SANDAG Vice Chairman Mickey Cafagna
- ❖ Ventura County Supervisor and SCAG Aviation Task Force Chair Judy Mikels
- ❖ Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley
- ❖ Escondido Mayor and SANDAG Regional Planning Committee Chair Lori Pfeiler
- ❖ Brawley Mayor Pro Tem Jo Shields
- ❖ Del Mar City Councilmember and SANDAG Borders Committee Chair Crystal Crawford

The leadership from both regional agencies agreed to continue meeting on a biannual schedule to exchange information, coordinate planning for programs and projects, and collaborate on issues of mutual interest.

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